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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION** 

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However, with the proposed radiation image recording and read-out apparatus, wherein

the erasing light source is located on the side backward from the read-out unit, and the erasing

light is irradiation simultaneously to the entire surface of the stimulable phosphor sheet in order

to release energy remaining on the stimulable phosphor sheet, the read-out unit located between

the stimulable phosphor sheet and the erasing light source intercepts the erasing light. Therefore,

the problems occur in that the erasing light cannot be uniformly irradiated to the enter entire

surface of the stimulable phosphor sheet.

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